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18 July 1966

MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretariat, Economic Intelligence Committee  
FROM : Secretary, EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture  
SUBJECT : EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture Annual Report  
for FY 1966

A. Activities of the Subcommittee During Fiscal Year

1. Review of the Intelligence Product in the Subcommittee's  
Field of Competence

None

2. Research and Collection Deficiencies

a. The Subcommittee has not prepared any collection  
Deficiency statements in FY 66.

3. Review of Substantive Papers

None

4. Review of Proposals for External Research

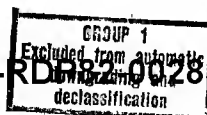
The Subcommittee in FY 66 reviewed one CIA-sponsored  
External Research Project Proposal, "Cuban Sugar Production  
in 1970." The proposal was favorably accepted by the  
Subcommittee members.

5. Maintenance of Agreed Basic Statistics

There have been informal discussions among some Subcommittee  
members on current agricultural production statistics of  
Communist countries. In most cases there has been substantial  
agreement.

6. Projects Undertaken at the Request of the EIC or Proposed  
to the EIC

None



7. Intelligence Research Techniques

There was no discussion of research techniques by the Subcommittee during FY 66.

8. Special Coordination Functions of the Subcommittee

An exchange of project lists has been instituted whereby constituent members of the Subcommittee report weekly on projects on which research has begun or drafts have been prepared in their respective agencies. These lists include projects which could be of interest to other components of the respective agencies as well as the components of the individual Subcommittee members.

9. Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

The activities and continuing utility of the Subcommittee has been discussed, and it has been decided that the agricultural subcommittee not only be retained but that its activities be expanded. In spite of the infrequency of formal activity, the Subcommittee feels that it should continue as a formally constituted body. The problems arising from the population explosion, food problems in Communist countries, and problems with less developed countries whose economies are primarily agricultural present the Subcommittee with new challenges and make it imperative that members of the intelligence community and other interested government agencies cooperate even more closely than in the past.

10. Future Program of the Subcommittee

The Subcommittee should continue to identify gaps in research and collection, approve external research projects, serve as a coordinating body for all agencies and departments having responsibilities in food and agriculture, and serve as a clearing house for information and data on western countries which could be useful in appraising developments in Communist countries. As noted in A-9 above, the Subcommittee contemplates an expansion of its activities especially in non-Communist areas. The Subcommittee should be alert and discuss or bring to the attention of non-Subcommittee members with substantive responsibilities significant developments and activities in the field of food and

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agriculture throughout the world. Because of the increasing importance of fish in the world diet, the Subcommittee has recommended that a fisheries expert from the Department of Interior participate in future Subcommittee work. 25X1A9a



Secretary  
EIC Subcommittee on Agriculture

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ECONOMIC INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chairmen of the EIC Subcommittees on  
Agriculture  
Petroleum  
Population and Manpower

SUBJECT: Review of the EIC Subcommittee Structure

REFERENCE: Minutes of EIC Meeting (EIC-M-111),  
9 December 1965


1. The activities and continuing utility of the EIC Subcommittees on Agriculture, Petroleum, and Population and Manpower were considered at the 9 December 1965 meeting of the Economic Intelligence Committee (see reference). It was agreed that the Chairmen of these three Subcommittees be directed to hold a formal meeting of his subcommittee for the purpose of preparing a report for further consideration by the EIC.

2. Each subcommittee should give serious consideration to its purpose, as outlined in its terms of reference, and to ways and means of fulfilling that purpose in an active and effective way. It is suggested that a subcommittee should meet at least semiannually in order to serve its intended purpose.

3. The over-all value of each subcommittee should be assessed, assuming an active program. Considerations should include possible revision of present terms of reference, possible merger with another subcommittee, or abolition of the subcommittee if a continuing value cannot be justified.

4. The three subcommittees addressed are requested to meet before 1 April 1966 and to make a full report with recommendations to the EIC not later than 15 April 1966.

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Executive Secretary

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SUBCOMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

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Chairman: [REDACTED] CIA 25X1A9a  
Executive Secretary: [REDACTED] CIA

Agencies Represented: State AID  
DIA Agriculture  
CIA Commerce, Coast & Geodetic Survey

Meetings: Last meeting, June 1962

Activities during FY 1965 and First Half FY 1966

Reviewed one substantive paper on an informal basis, "Prospects for Soviet Agriculture in 1970" prepared by CIA with contributions from USDA, reviewed by State and USDA. In most cases there has been substantial agreement on agricultural production statistics of Communist countries. Specialists from State, Agriculture, and CIA regularly discuss the effects of weather on crop production in the Communist countries.

During the first half of FY 1966 the subcommittee reviewed, by interim action, and commented favorably on a proposed CIA-sponsored external research project, "Cuban Sugar Production in 1970."

Evaluation of the Role of the Subcommittee

In spite of the lack of activity on a formal basis, close and frequent interagency collaboration on an informal basis on matters of mutual interest has proved to be highly effective.

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